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REF: LUXEMBOURG 0589

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FROM EMBASSY FILES. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, THEODORE FRANCOIS VALCK LUCASSEN, HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR IN HELSINKI SINCE MID-1972. PRIOR TO THAT HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS (1966-1972) AND GUATEMALA CITY (1961-62). DURING THE LATTER POSTING, HE WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. VALCK LUCASSEN HAS SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN ANTWERP AND HAMBURG, AND HAD EARLIER POSTING IN MOSCOW, COPENHAGEN, BELGRADE, SAIGON, MANILA, AND DJAKARTA. DURING WORLD WAR II HE SERVED IN WASHINGTON AND CHUNG KING.

2. BORN IN THE HAGUE ON JULY 28, 1913, AMBASSADOR VALCK LUCASSON IS A LAW GRADUATE OF Utrecht UNIVERSITY. HIS WIFE (A SECOND MARRIAGE FOR BOTH) IS YVONNE GRAVIN ZICHY VAN ZICH EN VASONYKEO, DAUGHTER OF A HUNGARIAN COUNT. THE VALCK LUCASSONS HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, MARIE-CLAIRE HENRIETTE SUZETTE, WHO WAS BORN JUNE 2, 1959 DURING THEIR SERVICE IN HAMBURG.

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3. PREVIOUS BIO REPORTS DESCRIBE THE AMBASSADOR AS

AMIABLE, PROTOCOL-CONSCIOUS, GREGARIOUS AND PRO-US.
HE IS WELL INFORMED ON NATO AFFAIRS AND EUROPEAN
SECURITY ISSUES. HE IS APPARENTLY VERY HEAVY, ENJOYS
FOOD AND DRINK, AND IS SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS OVERWEIGHT.
HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN FLUENTLY AND HAS
AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH RUSSIAN. HE IS A COMMANDER IN THE
ORDER OF THE OAK CROWN OF LUXEMBOURG.

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